

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: USE OF HELICOPTERS IN GROUND CONTROL OPERATIONS

Operation/Exercise Name: RESTORE HOPE

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7. (U) LESSON LEARNED: Helicopters can be used to control crowds if the on-site commander has no other crowd-control means available.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: None.

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9. (U) COMMENTS:  
None.

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